

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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Boston Edison Company)	D.T.E. 00-82
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MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF HEARINGS

Boston Edison Company and the Office of the Attorney General hereby jointly move for postponement of the hearings presently scheduled for August 28-30, 2001 in this matter. The parties are engaged in settlement discussions concerning the issues that would be the subject of those hearings and are of the belief that a settlement of this matter may be achieved if some additional time is allowed.

The subject of settlement discussions includes the entirety of Boston Edison Company's filing in this matter, including each supplementary filing or revision thereto. While there are numerous discrete subjects addressed within that filing, the predominant issue at this time concerns the proposed method of reconciling transition charge revenues. If that issue can be resolved, the parties are hopeful that a full settlement of all issues could be achieved.

Provided that the requested postponement is granted, the parties would propose that a target date of September 19, 2001 be established for filing a settlement agreement. In the event a settlement agreement is not filed by that date, the parties would suggest a procedural conference on that date to establish a schedule for hearings and further proceedings in this matter.

Boston Edison Company and the Attorney General have conferred with counsel for the Division of Energy Resources which has indicated its concurrence in this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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